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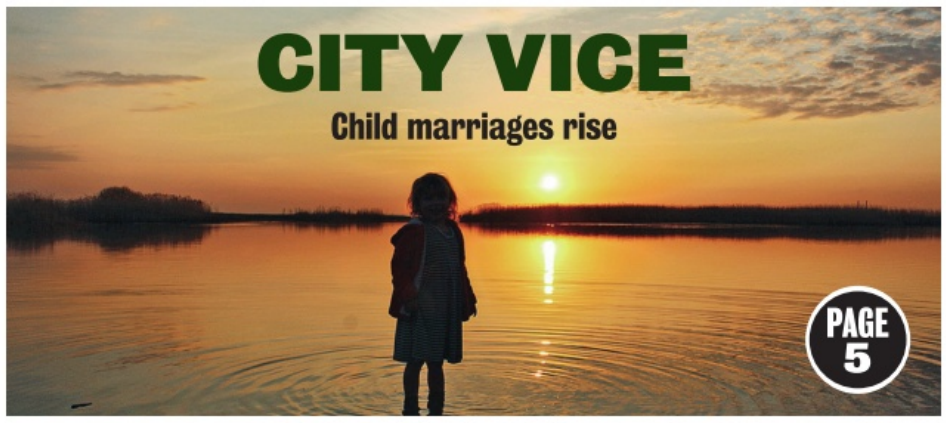

SPENT FOCUS: Amidst gaping holes in urban infra as appeared on Sumanahalli flyover, BBMP's Rs 9.99 cr 'splurge' on council hall renovation faces flak

'PUT MONEY WHERE THE POTHOLES ARE'

'Primary responsibility of BBMP to maintain roads in city'

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has embarked on the renovation of its existing council hall to accommodate more members after the delimitation of Bengaluru wards. The number of wards has now increased to 243 from 198.

However, many citizens, including social activists, are unable to comprehend the logic behind spending around Rs 10 crore for the renovation of the council hall. They are of the view that the BBMP can construct a new building with all facilities by spending Rs 10 crore.

"Half of the total amount sanctioned is sufficient for the renovation of the BBMP council hall. I think half of the amount - Rs 5 crore - will be pocketed by corrupt politicians and BBMP," said HM Venkatesh, a social activist from Judicial Layout.

Bharathinagar Residents' Forum president NS Ravi termed the allocation of Rs 10 crore unjustified. He

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Campus free of bullies

UGC reiterates anti-ragging guidelines ahead of academic year; no cases in city, say universities

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The University Grants Commission recently issued new anti-ragging guidelines. The UGC urged all higher education institutions to step up the anti-ragging measures by way of adequate publicity through varied media.

The step was taken ahead of the new academic year in many universities and colleges as undergraduate admissions are currently underway.

Universities in Bengaluru, however, said no cases of ragging have been reported lately in any of the institutions and that they have been following all the necessary steps to curb such activities on campus.

Professor Lingaraj Gandhi, vice chancellor of Bangalore City University, said ever since BCU was formed five years ago, there have been no cases of ragging on campus. "We still have all the necessary measures needed to curb cases such as the anti-ragging committee. We also do periodic inspections in classrooms at the university as well as in all the affiliated colleges to ensure that no such activities are taking place."

In the guidelines issued on September 16, UGC recommended the constitution of an anti-ragging committee and anti-ragging squad, setting up of an anti-ragging cell, installing CCTV cameras at vital points,

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Classic whodunit

Pravara Theatre presents 'Jupiter' - A Kannada suspense thriller play written by SV Krishna Sharma based on a story originally written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Directed by Hanu Ramasanjeeva. Jupiter is the Kannada adaptation of Sherlock Holmes. If detective stories are right up your alley, do not miss out on this one.
Where: KH Kalasoudha, Hanumanthanagara
When: Sep 24, 7.00 PM

02 An artisans' collective

Attend Vastrabharana, the Crafts Council of Karnataka's annual flagship exhibition and sale of hand-crafted textiles and jewellery. By drawing inspiration from nature and architecture, the textiles and jewellery will explore concepts of symmetry and balance, while featuring traditional and contemporary symbols and motifs.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: Sep 29 - Oct 3, 10am - 7pm
Contact: 080 23347299/ craftscouncilofkarnataka@yahoo.co.in

03 Swartaal 2022

Swartaal, Jagriti's annual festival of classical music & dance is a celebration of the classical performance arts and the rich tradition of music, dance & theatre that has been honed over centuries in India. Since its first edition in 2017, Swartaal has hosted performances by Bombay Jayshree, National Awardee Bindhumalini Narayanswamy, Gundecha Brothers, Mallika Sarabai, Revanta Sarabai, Kalamandalam among others. At the festival this year, performances in Yakshagana will be by Sri Idagunji Mahaganapati Yakshagana Mandali, Keremane; Hindustani Classical by Pandit Venkatesh Kumar, and Kathak by Rani Khanum. **Where: Jagriti Theatre**
When: Sept 23-25, 7:30 pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

Gita in curriculum? Opinions are mixed

Many believe it should be a choice left to students; some support the idea while others say K'taka government should withdraw proposal immediately

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If the idea is implemented, it will be taught in state-run schools, but no exams will be held (file)

The Karnataka Education Minister BC Nagesh's recent announcement that the government has decided to include the Bhagavad Gita in moral education classes in state-run schools has sparked off a huge debate with many divided over the topic.

Parents, activists, school association and experts are divided over if this would actually benefit the students or not.

All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO), Karnataka state secretary Ajay Kamath urged the government to withdraw the proposal immediately. "In the name of moral education, the government is trying to sneak religious matters into education by proposing to teach Bhagavad Gita. The government, which has taken the stand that religion should not come in education in the matter of hijab, is now proposing to bring Bhagavad Gita in the curriculum, which is a double policy of the government," he said.

A few think that though the move is welcomed, it shouldn't be forced on everyone.

"It hasn't been recommended by the N-CERT; it is not even part of the curriculum. So, it would be better if it was a choice given to the students. Though the school associations are implementing it, it is wrong that the government is implementing it forcefully," expressed D Shashi Kumar, general secretary at the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka.

As per reports, education minister BC Nagesh defended the move by saying that Bhagavad Gita is not a religious book and it does not promote any religious practices. "The Quran is a religious book. The Gita is not. It does not talk about worshipping god or any religious practices. It's a moral discipline and inspires students. Even during the freedom movement, people got inspiration," he had told a media house.

> **"Though school associations are implementing it, it is wrong that the government is implementing it forcefully**
> – D Shashi Kumar, KAMS

Some parents, on the other hand, agree with the government's decision and say that it would help improve character and values in school children.

"Ramayana by Valmiki should also be included in the syllabus. It would really help the students as it talks about the 16 qualities of Shri Rama. If they start teaching in Class 1, they can complete the entire text by Class 10. It has many stories that helps building the character of a child... Keeping aside the religious aspect of it, every human should at least read it once," said Ravindra, a parent.

The government has announced that they are planning to implement the move by December this year. However, as it is not part of the curriculum and there will be no exam based on the teachings.

The same has already been implemented in states like Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat earlier this year.

3D glasses are in a spotty condition, say cine-goers

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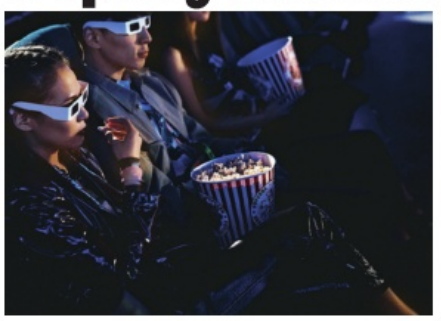

Nothing beats the experience of watching a 3D film on the silver screen. And after two years of watching films on OTT platforms, movie buffs cannot get enough of going to multiplexes with their gang to watch the latest flick. However, some moviegoers have complained that the 3D glasses are not sanitised and often have stains on them.

Smriti Naik, a resident of Yeshwantpur, said, "I went to watch Brahmāstra last week in 3D at a multiplex near my house. After getting the 3D glasses, I saw that there were fingerprints all over the glasses. I changed them and took another one, but it was the same. I don't think that the glasses were cleaned properly."

Abhijith Aniruddh, a resident of Indiranagar, was in a similar situation when he went to see a movie a few days ago. "On wearing the glasses, I saw that it was kind of sticky and it did not look clean also. When I asked the people in the theatre, they said that all the glasses were like this. If this is the case in multiplexes, we could just go to single-screen theatres."

The moviegoers say that the covid cases in the city are declining steadily, however, the virus is still present. They say that during these times, it is important to sanitise the glasses properly as it comes into close contact with so many people.

Khyati Cikoti, a resident of Dasarahalli, reiterated that it is true that covid is on the wane but that does not mean that people have stopped getting the virus. It is very dangerous to wear the glasses if they have not been sanitised properly by the people.

Reusing 3D glasses can lead to the spread of eye infections like conjunctivitis and other eye infections, especially during the rainy season. Wearing 3D glasses that were previously worn by an infected person could leave one infected. One should make sure that it is thoroughly sanitised, Dr Sandeep Saha, an ophthalmologist, said.

A representative of a multiplex in Yeshwantpur, said, "After collecting the used 3D glasses, we sanitise them properly and pack them again. Only after cleaning the glasses we send them for being used by the other people who come to watch the movie."

Mystery of 290 missing trees

Even before work on suburban rail can start, BBMP issues notice that some trees are nowhere to be found

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The suburban rail project work has not begun but trees between Lottegondanahalli–Chikkabanavara are missing

Anything can go missing in big cities. But this is a curious case — The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Deputy Conservator of Forests issued a public notice on September 19 to report that 290 of 1,054 trees between Lottegondanahalli and Chikkabanavara are missing.

The Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd had submitted an application to the Deputy Conservator for removal of 1,054 trees between Lottegondanahalli and Chikkabanavara in Corridor-2 of Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP). They said of these 290 are missing. "So the notice has been issued for the remaining 764. The deadline for filing objections is 10 days from the date of publication of this notification,'' said the Deputy Conservator (also the Tree Officer). Environmentalists demand that the authorities to keep the public updated about developmental projects and the number of trees to be cut for these works.

"The BBMP Forest Department is not taking measures to ensure public participation in the meeting. Meetings are held during weekdays instead of weekends. The location of the meeting (city outskirts) is also deterring the public from attending,'' said Anand Yadwad, an environmentalist.

Expressing shock over the missing trees much before the construction of the suburban railway commenced, Vijay Nishanth, popularly known as a tree doctor, said the authorities concerned must file a case against those responsible for the missing trees. "There should be a balance between development and environment. Developmental projects should not be at the cost of the environment. Cutting of trees without permission of the Tree Officer concerned is against the law,'' said Nishanth.

Dattatraya T Devare, an environment activist, said that earlier, there was no transparency on the number of trees to be cut for developmental works. "The Tree Officer concerned must file a police complaint on missing trees as the Tree Act does not allow the public to file the complaint. He has to publish the FIR copy,'' said Devare.

> **"The BBMP Forest Department is not taking measures to ensure public participation in the meetings**

BBMP Assistant Conservator of Forests Govindaraju V said the file on the trees in the stretch was sent to the BBMP Forest Department by Bengaluru Urban District Deputy Conservator of Forests recently. He said the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Conservator of Forests was the Tree Officer when the tree census was taken up. "As per the records, there were 1,054 trees when the census was done,'' he said. Bengaluru Urban District Deputy Conservator of Forests Ravishankar SS said he needs to check whether he had filed a police complaint. "The onus of loss of trees is on the property owners – whether it is government, railways, or private people,'' he said.

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Just enough money for superficial cleaning of tamarind grove

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Lack of sufficient funds has now forced the Karnataka Forest Department to scale down the Nallur Tamarind Grove restoration plan.

After a sum of Rs 5 lakh was released by the Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB) towards the restoration of the biodiversity heritage site a couple of months ago, the department had taken up a multi-pronged approach.

It was decided that the site will be restored by clearing the debris, fencing the entire area's perimeter, removing invasive species and installing signboards inside the grove for visitors to navigate.

However, according to the forest department officials, the work will now be restricted only to clearing the site of invasive species. "Since the amount released is a small sum, we have tweaked the plan of action. We had initially decided to conduct weeding by cutting the invasive plants and the boundary repair work. However, we have now realised that the grove has a dense growth of invasive plant species such as prosopis juliflora. These plants will have to be uprooted, which will require more resources," said Sumitkumar Subhashrao Patil, Bengaluru rural DCF, Karnataka Forest Department.

According to the officials, while the grove is spread across an area of 54 acres, around 15 acre has a dense growth of invasive plant species such as prosopis juliflora, lantana and eupatorium.

"The grove has been taken over by weeds. If left unattended, it completely takes over the native plantation and thus cleaning them is our priority. The earlier work plan also included the repair of the existing fence. However, since we plan to install the chain link fencing mesh all around the 2.5-km perimeter of the Grove, we could not have achieved it in the fund that has been sanctioned," said a forest department official.

The department is now looking at raising money through CSR initiatives. The estimated cost of installing the chain link fencing mesh is nearly Rs 60 lakh.

The forest department will soon be meeting the local Biodiversity Management Committee to sketch out a preservation plan for the grove. The idea is to generate revenue so that the site is self-sustaining. "The site is close to the international airport and has an old temple adjacent to it. We are planning to start awareness activities around the heritage site so to generate revenue that can be used for its maintenance. It is a unique heritage site and the activities will educate visitors about the importance of conserving such sites," added Patil.

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No succour for Nallur Tamarind Grove yet
₹5 lakh taking its own time to release funds to start revival work at heritage site

BM had reported how ₹5 lakh was released, but restoration work had not begun

Restoration work delayed

While the restoration of the heritage site was expected to begin a month ago, it has now been delayed due to the ongoing monsoon, officials said. "All the tamarind trees are very old and thus the uprooting work has to be done very carefully. Moreover, this is not the right time to uproot invasive species. Any uprooting followed by a spell of rain will promote their growth. Thus, we will start the work once the monsoon recedes. After uprooting this year, we will have to continue with maintenance for the next two years at least," informed the official.

Cops jump in to probe 'PayCM' posters

Police have decided to take action against those pasting posters against Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. On Wednesday, posters reading 'PayCM' with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's photograph surfaced in parts of the city.

Bommai's face figures in the middle of the QR code of the poster with the message '40 % accepted here'. The development comes in the midst of an aggressive campaign against the ruling government by the Congress, which charged the former with corruption regarding awarding public contracts and recruitment to government jobs. After the matter came to the notice of the authorities, the posters were removed from public spaces.

Reacting to this, city police chief Pratap Reddy said that the DCP Central will conduct an inquiry into who hung these posters and suitable action would be taken against them. He informed that action would be taken according to the disfigurement act. Under the provisions of Open Faces (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act 1981, no posters must be pasted or hung on public property.

Later in the day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai termed the 'Pay CM' campaign as a conspiracy to tarnish his and Karnataka's reputation. Officers concerned have been asked to file a case and identify those behind the campaign.

"Even we know how to do such baseless campaigns on social media. People knew it was a big lie. There is no value in it. The government will make efforts to put an end to any attempts made to tarnish the image of Karnataka," said Bommai. **BMB**

Land acquisition in way of road project

BBMP kicks off development of 14 roads in Mahadevapura zone after several delays

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After years of delay, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has initiated the project for the comprehensive development of 14 roads in the Mahadevapura zone which was under the Revised Master Plan (RMP) of 2015. However, land acquisition in the area is still an issue.

The 14 roads are said to connect to different parts of Mahadevpura and can be used as alternative routes to Sarjapur Road, Old Airport Road, Varthur Road, and Outer Ring Road (ORR). Although the RMP read 2015, the tenders were only floated in the year 2019. Due to covid, the work was further delayed and only started last year.

Over 24.9 km length of road has been sanctioned for development by the BBMP at a cost of Rs 82 crore.

Among the 14 roads, the larger part (5.5 km) includes the improvement of the road from Kadubeesanahalli ORR to PRR via Panathur, Gunjur, Palya, Varthur Main Road at a cost of Rs 20 crore.

BBMP officials said that work on majority of the roads has started. For instance, the Gunjur Palya Road was developed and asphalting had been taken up.

This would ensure proper access from Gunjur and Gunjur Palya to CDP 150 Feet Road and then to Varthur. Further work is progressing at Balagere-Gunjurpalya 100 Feet Road and 150 Feet Wide Road. Work between ORR New Horizon College Junction and East Airport Corridor has also been taken up.

Bus priority lane on ORR from Ecospace to Mahadevapura (File photo)

"We have seen how recent floods affected the Mahadevapura zone due to several encroachments. Most of the roads were washed off. Quality should be better –Resident

"The prime issue for the work getting delayed is land acquisition. There are many vacant lands and some small houses which need to be acquired. All the authorities like BBMP and MLA of Mahadevapura constituency, Arvind Limbavali, are coming together to sort out the land issue at the earliest," said Clement Jaykumar, Secretary of Mahadevpura Task Force.

Another problem that persists is the shifting of utilities. Shifting of electric poles, BESCOM sub station, KPTCL station, or GAIL gas pipelines had been a hindrance. While some of the officials revealed that Mahadevapura zone had not got majority of the funds from other governments in the past, now, with the BJP government taking the lead, the zone has been granted the acquired funds.

The residents asked for the roads to be completed at the earliest.

"We have seen how recent floods affected the Mahadevapura zone due to several encroachments. Most of the roads were washed off and the work carried out now should be done with perfection. We need to watch out for the quality of the roads. The roads in Mahadevapura zone are in bad shape. The alternative routes need to be fixed at the earliest, " said a resident.

14 roads being developed

- Improvements to the road from Kadubeesanahalli ORR to PRR via Panathur Gunjur Palya, Varthur Main Road, RMP Road
- Construction of road from Vydehi Hospital Road to Old Airport Road via Tubarahalli Tank and Siddapura – Nallurahalli Road to Kundalahalli Main Road via BEML Layout
- Balagere BWSSB Treatment Plant Road to Munnekolala Connecting Road
- Munnekolala Sai Layout to Gunjur Palya CDP
- Doddanekkundi ORR Road via Goshala to Whitefield Road (RMP-Road)
- Garudacharpalya to Goshala RMP Road
- Hoodi-Sadaramangala To SH-35 and Hoodi Railway Station to Sadaramangala
- Hoodi Main Road from Ayyappanagara Arch to Hoodi Junction and Hoodi Railway Station to Medahalli Road (CDP Road)
- Kodigehalli Main Road and Belathur Road from Ayyappa Nagar Arch to SH-35 at Kadugodi
- Athashri Road (Varthur Kodi Road)
- Sarjapur Road from Iblur Junction to Caramelram ROB by BBMP projects
- Sarjapur Road from Caramelram ROB till Dommasandra by PWD
- East Airport Road Corridor (Upgrade of SH 35) by KRDCL
- Upgrade of Balagere Main Road from Varthur to Panathur

Civic body's 'misplaced priority'

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said the primary responsibility of the BBMP is to maintain roads in the city.

"I am not against the renovation of the BBMP council building but there is no need to spend such a huge amount. I want the BBMP to focus on pothole-ridden roads and spend taxpayers' money judiciously," said Ravi.

The renovated council building would have 364 seats to accommodate 243 elected corporators, 24 nominated corporators (10% of the total number of elected corporators), members of parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha), members of legislative assembly and members of legislative council alongside BBMP officials.

The renovation works include increasing the council hall's seating capacity, acoustic treatment for its walls, false ceiling work, modification of doors, robotic audio/video and recording and air conditioning.

Activists said BBMP should tackle bad roads before the renovation

"We have removed all the existing chairs and tables. New teakwood chairs and tables will be provided in the council hall. The renovation work is expected to be completed in two months," said Girish, the contractor assigned for the renovation of the BBMP council building, adding that the civic body has sanctioned Rs 9.99 crore for the renovation work.

Social activist Sai Datta told BM that there is no need for the BBMP to spend around Rs 10 crore for the renovation work. "The BBMP council hall will be used once or twice in a month, for a few days when the BBMP budget is presented, and so on. The BBMP authorities should have thought before sanctioning such a huge amount," said Datta.

Amaresh S, managing trustee of Right To Information Study Centre, expressed concern over spending of tax-payers' money without any forethought. He stressed that the BBMP could have constructed a new building for the council with Rs 10 crore.

"The demolition of walls in the council hall has weakened the structure of the building. It is nothing but a huge scam of looting taxpayers' money," said Amaresh.

When contacted, a BBMP official said the proposal for renovation was put forth by the BBMP council. "The previous BBMP council passed the resolution allocating Rs 10 crore for renovation work," the official told BM.

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Garbage and old cars have been dirtying the place near Indiranagar bus depot and LIC office for months.

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Designated parking for cars has been taken over by bike repair shops at Banashankari Main Road near Banashankari temple.

Forgotten flag
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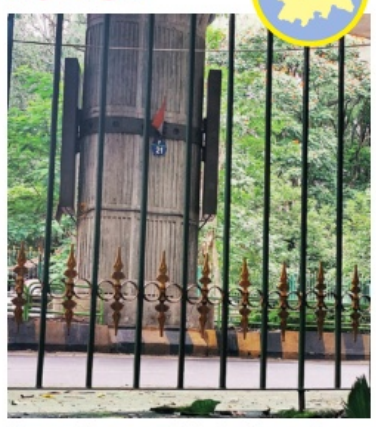

These flags used for Independence Day have become dirty and need to be removed from the Jayanagar Metro Station pillars.

Child marriages spike in Bengaluru

Last 5 years saw 256 child marriage attempts being reported in city, 10,352 cases in Karnataka

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Many people believe that child marriages are a rarity in a city like Bengaluru. However, 256 child marriage attempts were reported here in the last five years. 217 of these marriages could be stopped, but 39 cases could not be thwarted. Compared to 2020-21, child marriages in the city went up from eight to 13. In the state, a whopping 10,352 child marriage cases have been recorded in the last five years.

Officials said the pandemic saw an increase in these cases.

"The covid years increased child marriages. Partial closure of schools played a part. The school system was effective, especially for girls, in preventing child marriage. Additionally, as there was a lockdown, many of these marriages were held inside their houses so that officials could not find out," said a police official.

In many cases, either the victim or her friends gave police tip-offs about the crime so that they could prevent the same. However, there were a few marriages which they could not stop as the information reached late, said another police official.

The Centre enacted the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006 for prohibition of child marriages. Section 16 of the act authorises the state government to appoint for the entire state officers known as Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPO).

In many cases, victims gave police tip-offs about these crimes before they took place so they could stop it

They are given responsibility for creation of awareness about the detrimental effects of child marriages and are tasked with sensitising the community.

The central government also undertakes awareness drives, media campaigns, and outreach programmes, and issues advisories to the states and union territories from time to time to highlight the various issues surrounding the illegal practice, said another official.

"The centre has introduced CHILDLINE (short code 1098), a 24X7 telephone emergency outreach service for children in crisis, which responds with suitable interventions to calls for any form of assistance a child may require," they explained.

Students' survey shows AI can help detect skin cancer

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Skin cancer is seen as one of the most common yet extremely hazardous forms of cancer with over 10 million new cases recorded each year globally. However, some students from Great Learning surveyed and published in a journal that Artificial Intelligence (AI) can play a very important role in using Medical Image Diagnosis to detect this disease in its early stages.

These students oversaw the development of a new research paper titled 'Early detection of skin cancer- solution for identifying and defining skin cancers using AI' (published by IEEE).

During a skin cancer screening, a dermatologist makes use of a dermatoscope to check moles as well as the entire medical history of the patient. Skin biopsy is the main test needed to diagnose and determine the extent of skin cancer. The published paper stated that even a trained dermatologist has the accuracy of less than 80 per cent in correctly diagnosing skin cancer. In addition to this inaccuracy, there are not many skilled dermatologists available globally in the public healthcare sector.

The possibility of AI being used to improve skin cancer detection has led to an increasing application of AI techniques such as deep learning, computer vision, natural language processing, and robotics.

Santanu Chakrabarti of Great Learning's Artificial Intelligence for Leaders program said, "In the early stages, manifestations of cancer are deceptive more often than not. Life expectancy, on the contrary, increases if the detection is early. In our paper, we worked on only skin cancer, but this is true for all types of cancer. Specialists are rarely consulted before it is already late."

Early detection is left to the awareness levels of the patient and the availability and individual competence of the medical person consulted, he said. An application (may be contained in a handheld device) using AI would be helpful as the mega database needs to compare with the actual syndrome, or the test report can be made readily available through cloud access, he added.

"Life expectancy increases if the detection (of skin cancer) is early

–Shantanu Chakrabarti, Great Learning team

However, the use of AI is still lagging behind.

"In India, we are traditional and a bit skeptical while accepting new ideas in real-world applications. The uncertainty associated with covid and the quest for a quick solution paved the way for use of AI in medical science. In business and economics too, the use of AI is gaining popularity. The academic world has embraced AI as it is a new field and there is a huge opportunity in research. However, there are still miles to go for us to use AI in real-world engineering designs," he explained.

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Bengaluru gears for pay and park policy

BBMP to start pay and park policy; nearly 85 roads to be paid parking zones

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You may no longer be parking on the roads for free as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to introduce pay and park in the city.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "The State Government has already decided to allow pay and park in Bengaluru. For this purpose, the city roads will be classified as A, B and C. The tenders have already been called and once finalised, we will roll out the paid parking in the city. However, I want to assure there is no hike in parking fee as we will be charging the same fee as fixed earlier."

Despite opposition from motorists, Palike wants to roll out this feature as it will generate revenue for the cash-strapped body.

Nath said that the officials were preparing the policy which will be rolled out soon. Though the official parking rates are not fixed yet, sources said that a car user may have to pay Rs 30 for parking on category A road as against the biker who has to pay Rs 15 per hour. More than 85 roads are likely to be converted as paid parking zones. Since 2013, BBMP is trying its best efforts to re-introduce parking but without luck so far.

Residents whose houses come under these three categories are worried as they will be forced to pay for parking their vehicles on the roads. As per the Urban Development Department's Parking Policy 2.0, parking will no longer be free on public roads once the Directorate of Urban Transport (DULT) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) complete the task of preparing the area parking plan by constituting zonal task forces.

Parking vehicles in front of one's house will require a annual permit provided by BBMP

> **The state government has already decided to allow pay and park. For this purpose, the roads will be classified as A, B and C** – Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner

Almost all places including commercial areas and residential zones will be covered under the pay and park system, while the policy has also laid down guidelines on roads where parking should be completely banned.

As per the policy, parking in front of one's home will be allowed only after obtaining an annual permit.

"The government has fixed Rs 1,000 per year for small cars, Rs 3,000 to Rs 4,000 for medium cars and Rs 5,000 for MUVS and SUVs for residential parking permits. Permit systems will be introduced on a pilot basis in some selected areas. People will be able to purchase parking permits on a quarterly or SHARE annual payment basis and these can be renewed at the end of the term. It will serve as an authorization to occupy the designated parking areas in the locality," the policy states.

What benefits will the permit entail?

A permit does not guarantee a parking spot but only authorizes the permit holder to park on the road for which the permit is allotted if space is available.

Permits are issued for a particular street and cannot be used to park elsewhere. It is given to a vehicle and not a person. Permit holders need to mandatorily reside on the road for which the permit is issued. Each applicant may only apply for a permit per vehicle.

Permits shall not be issued to applicants residing in buildings that violate the Approved Building Plan/ Zonal Regulation etc.

The policy also provides a monthly parking pass for regular users of off-street parking lots and bulk parking fees to facilitate shared mobility operators and e-commerce delivery agents. Off-street parking mainly includes multi-floor parking complexes. The minimum base parking fee may be set at to and fro public transport fare (of BMTC bus) for an 11 km trip.

Doctors use new technique to save infant

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In a case one of its kind, Bengaluru's Motherhood Hospital saved the life of an infant using a novel technique.

The two-day-old infant had a disturbance in the heart rhythm called neonatal supra ventricular tachycardia. The condition makes the heartbeat abnormally fast ranging from 250 to 280 per minute. If not provided with immediate care, it can lead to heart failure.

The NICU team at the Motherhood Hospital received an emergency call from a hospital in Anantapur where an infant was diagnosed with Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT). The teams from both the hospitals met in Chikkaballapur and the baby was bought to Bengaluru.

On the way the baby was administered three doses of adenosine to slow her heart rate down. Even after three more doses her condition remained the same, a team of doctors led by Dr Prathap Chandra, Neonatologist, Pediatrician from Motherhood Hospitals decided to use the Total Body Cooling technique to lower the baby's body temperature from 37 o Celsius to 33.5 o Celsius.

The baby is now healthy and visits the hospital for regular check-ups

Cooling helped bring down the heart rate and thus saving the infant's life.

"It was one of the most challenging cases and our only priority was to save the baby's life. Since SVT is a condition which disrupts blood flow, to vital organs, cooling helped to reduce the basal metabolic rate, thereby reducing her heart rate. The baby is now almost 4 months old and has been regularly visiting for check-ups and has recovered well," said Dr Chandra, Neonatologist, Motherhood Hospitals.

Are city colleges free of ragging?

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anti-ragging workshops and seminars updating all websites with nodal officers' details, alarm bells, etc. Regular interaction and counselling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers, and mention of anti-ragging warning in the institution's online prospectus and online information booklets/brochures are also to be ensured.

Prof Niranjan Vanalli, vice chancellor of Bangalore North University, said the university is already equipped with all the necessary measures. "I have been vice chancellor for nine months; in that period, we haven't had any ragging cases. We do have CCTV cameras and awareness drives about anti-ragging guidelines on the campus."

At Nrupathunga University, a group of 20 to 30 students have been assigned to different faculty members with whom they can share any such grievances via a common WhatsApp group. "This isn't just for ragging cases but any other problems that the students might face. Dividing them into small groups helps bring out any such complaints more efficiently. There haven't been any ragging or bullying cases at the university," said professor Shrinivas S Balli, vice chancellor.

"We have CCTV cameras in all the major spots on campus; we make all the students take an anti-bullying oath to ensure no such cases occur," he added.

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UGC also recommends surprise inspection of hostels, canteen etc

The UGC also recommends surprise inspection of hostels, students, accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets and bus stands; anti-ragging posters have to be displayed at all the prominent places like admission centres, departments, libraries, canteens, hostels, common facilities, etc. The posters are available on the UGC's website.

The commission also urged the institutions to increase engagement with the students and ensure that counsellor details, helplines, and other necessary information are made easily available on college websites.

In case any university or institution violates the guidelines in place or fails to prevent ragging or harassing of students, the commission has stated that it would take punitive action against the concerned varsity.

What rain brought to the groundwater table

Abundant rainfall this season has helped groundwater table to be replenished; it is now available at less than 10 metre below ground in around 165 taluks in Karnataka

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After reservoirs, it is now the groundwater table that has shown remarkable improvement, all thanks to the abundant rain this monsoon. According to data shared by the Ground Water Directorate Bangalore, the average groundwater level across most parts of the city has gone up by over four metre in August this year compared to the last year.

The groundwater table is now at 10-20 metre below ground level in Yelahanka, central Bengaluru and Bengaluru south; at 20-30 metre below ground level in Anekal, Devanahalli, Nelamangala and Doddaballapura areas; at 30-40 metre below ground level in Bengaluru east and Hoskote; and at 40-48 metre below ground level in Magadi.

When it comes to the decadal mean, most parts of the city have recorded a rise in water levels by two to four metre, except the Bengaluru east region. The area has recorded a drop of around four metre in the water table.

Experts say this improvement in the groundwater level can be attributed to the recent heavy rainfall and low extraction.

"We have experienced good rain over the last couple of months. This is the biggest factor contributing to the increase in water levels and recharge potential. However, it is not just the rainfall but also the rivers that are flowing in. Flood plains of the rivers are normally good repositories of groundwater and offer excellent scope for the development of groundwater," said Dr BC Nagaraja, professor and head, Department of Environment Science, Bangalore University. We have river basins with west-flowing rivers that are clubbed with good rainfall that has resulted in improvement in the water table., she said. She also added that extraction level has also come down due to ample water availability

Bandipur Tiger Reserve foresters adopt measures to replenish groundwater levels (file image)

Surge across Karnataka too

When it comes to groundwater fluctuation across the state, a remarkable improvement has been observed, especially in southern districts. As many as 110 taluks in Karnataka have recorded an increase in the groundwater level by over four meters compared to August last year. The majority of these taluks are from the Southern part of Karnataka.

The groundwater is now available at less than 10 metre below ground level in as many as 165 taluks in the state.

> **A good monsoon such as this one happens only once in a while. We still need to catch the rain and keep recharging our groundwater table**
> – Dr BC Nagaraja, professor & Head, Department of Environment Science, Bangalore University

However, around 50 taluks have recorded a drop in the groundwater table of varying degrees. The majority of these taluks are from northern to central parts of Karnataka.

While the groundwater table has improved, experts warn against complacency. Environmentalists say the adoption of nature-based solutions to recharge groundwater tables is the need of the hour. They say rainwater harvesting, desilting of lakes and catchment management are some of the ways to recharge the water table and these measures should be part of a continuous effort.

"Although recharge and percolation potential has improved owing to above average monsoon this year, we should not let our guards down. Rainwater harvesting should not be forgotten.

"A good monsoon such as this one happens only once in a while. We still need to catch the rain and keep recharging our groundwater table," said Nagaraja.

Wipro sacks 300 for moonlighting

Leading IT company Wipro has terminated 300 employees who were found moonlighting at one of its key rival companies at the same time, Chairman Rishad Premji said on Wednesday.

At the All India Management Association (AIMA) National Management Convention, Premji termed moonlighting is a complete violation of integrity "in its deepest form".

"The reality is that there are people today working for Wipro and working directly for one of our competitors and we have discovered 300 people in the last few months who are doing exactly that," the Wipro Chairman said.

The company has now terminated their employment for 'act of integrity violation'. Premji recently said that the concept of a second job in addition to the regular job is 'plain and simple' cheating.

"There is a lot of chatter about people moonlighting in the tech industry. This is cheating -- plain and simple," he had tweeted.

Amid the brouhaha over moonlighting in India, cloud major IBM last week made it clear that the practice is not ethical and the company does not promote such behaviour at workplace.

> **This is cheating, plain and simple**
> – Tweet by Rishad Premji, Chairman, Wipro

IBM India Managing Director, Sandip Patel, said that the company's position is exactly that of the overall industry in the country.

"All of our workers, when they are employed, sign an agreement which says that they are going to be working full-time for IBM.

"So moonlighting is not ethically right for them to get into," he said.

Some start-ups and unicorns like Swiggy have encouraged the practice, while most traditional companies call it cheating. **– IANS**

Home buyers, RWAs in dilemma over repairs

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Apartment buyers across Bengaluru are looking at crores of rupees in repairs thanks to the recent floods that wrecked the city. However, real estate experts feel that due to ambiguity in the property laws, and a lack of awareness about property laws is forcing buyers to pay for maintenance even though the ownership of the common areas lies with the builder as the apartment associations are not legally registered and the land is not conveyed to the association.

A veteran commander, Surendra, explained, "Under the Karnataka Ownership Flats Act 1972 and the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act 1972, an apartment owner gets to own the individual apartment and co-owns the entire land along with the other owners held by the association of owners. Currently, in most cases, the ownership of land has not been conveyed to such an association. In a scenario involving an act of God, there exists an ambiguity on the onus of repairing the common areas and facilities. This is forcing apartment owners to bear the huge burden of unexpected expenditure on repair as the RWAs do not have a maintenance fund set aside for such eventuality. Most of the RWAs are not legally registered, hence do not fall under any legal framework."

Experts noted that for the past 40 years at least, the conveyance deed is not being issued.

Without the issue of the conveyance deed, the land is not conveyed to the association. "Today, in case of demolition, there are no land rights protecting home buyers. When you execute a sales deed, it's mandated to convey the undivided share in registration. But currently, the sales deed does not carry any undivided share of interest and title share. As per the RERA process, the entire project of land should be conveyed to the association of homeowners," said Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum.

Ideally, the onus of repairing the property lies on the builder for up to five years. "Builders issue partial Occupancy Certificates (OC) and push the burden of maintenance of the property to home buyers. Without the project getting completed, home buyers start paying maintenance."

A legally registered RWA can sue the builder and government body in court and raise complaints in forums on behalf of the residents.

Ameya, a home buyer, said, "We got OC in 2010-2011 and the builder has completed the sale deed. But, the title of the land lies with the builder. In case of property damage, it becomes difficult to submit documents for repairs to the municipality. We are trying to get the association registered under the Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act—rendering us into a legal body—and convey the title of the land to the association."

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I come from a very normal family, grew up in a small semi in the suburbs, worked hard at school and got to university, and found a good career.
He, on the other hand, went to the best schools, his family is wealthy and his whole experience of life has been very different to mine.
It's not an issue between us at all - in fact, we joke about it a lot - but if I'm honest, I feel intimidated by his upbringing and his family. I feel uncomfortable around them and just don't feel good about myself.
I suspect he might ask me to marry him, which I want, but I'm also terrified about the families and friends coming together and how that would play out. I'd love your opinion.

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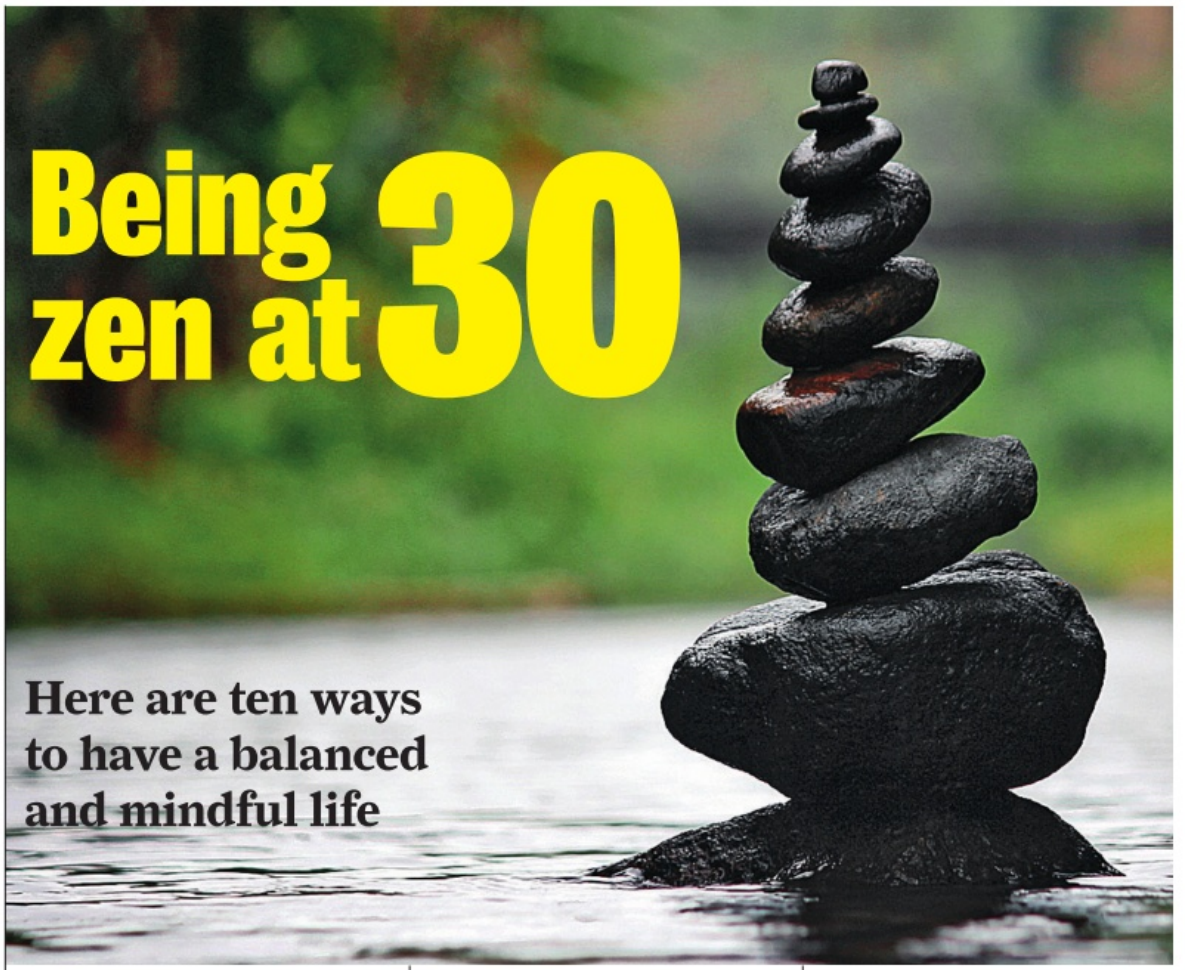
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Being zen at 30



Here are ten ways to have a balanced and mindful life

More and more people hope to develop a Zen mindset. Achieving Zen, however, is not about re-organising life and working around 30, when you might be in the heat of your career. Instead, it focuses on cultivating a sense of serenity through discipline, harmony and love. Being mindful enables one to remain fully present in their experiences and pay attention to what is going on. While practising mindfulness consistently can have significant benefits for the body, mind and spirit, it's not always simple in the beginning.

Stress at work and pressure from relationships get incredibly hard to handle, especially in your mid-30s. First of all, stress cannot be physically handled by the body, and managing it mentally may be more difficult. A person may experience stress for a variety of reasons, some of which may be more complicated than the problems they dealt with earlier in life. But practising mindfulness and being in the now can help reduce stress and enable people to live joyful, distraction-free lives.

Here are 10 tips to practice mindfulness in everyday life:

Pay attention to the breath

Breathing is a natural process that occurs rhythmically and naturally. When people pay attention to their breath, it takes them out of their minds and into the body. As a result, a person can momentarily free himself from the churning thoughts, worries and fears, reminding the person of who he is -- his inner spirit, not the thoughts.

Eat mindfully

It has become the habit of people to scoff down their meals while distracted by mobile phones, TV or constant conversation. This doesn't allow them to enjoy the delicious taste and smell of the food. Also, one is less likely to feel nourished and satisfied because the person "misses out" on the fact that he ate. Instead of getting distracted while eating, one must focus all the attention on the food and enjoy every single bite. Mindfulness should be brought to almost every daily activity like bathing, walking, doing chores, etc.

Connect with the senses

The senses -- smell, touch, taste, sound and sight -- are the gateways into the present moment. But when people are lost in thought, they don't experience what the senses are picking up. Therefore, it is important to pause to soak up the beautiful aroma of the coffee. The misty mountain air. The diversity and beauty of flowers in the neighbourhood. One should put love and attention into everything to experience the joy and peace it can bring.

> **Mindfulness is a practice that people should practise not only stay mindful but feel happier in life**

Observe unpleasant emotions

Feeling upset, annoyed or down is common among human beings. But, it is essential not to try to impose a different emotion on what one is experiencing at the moment. Being in the present moment and opening up the sentiment is an excellent way to practice mindfulness without immediately running away from it. Instead, a person should try to impose a different emotion on what he's experiencing.

Additionally, one should see himself as separate from emotion. Bring awareness to the communication patterns Talking and listening, along with periods of silence, is a part of the communication process humans are adapted to. Therefore, one should notice the states of mind during these activities to bring mindfulness into communication. Significantly, one must notice the silence and the sounds in between the silence.

Don't believe everything that comes to your mind

People shouldn't believe everything they think. The mind often makes inferences and assumptions that aren't true. Thoughts are images, words and sounds that pop up in your mind. But most of the time, people get hooked on their thoughts and believe them to be true. But one doesn't need to. While practising to be present in the moment with mindfulness can help one stay calm and relaxed; thoughts will creep into the mind. The idea is to change the relationship with thoughts. Seeing thoughts as just thoughts instead of facts makes a real difference.

Meditate daily

Meditation can bring immense benefits to the body and mind and increase energy, inspiration, happiness and inner peace. One doesn't have to sit for long hours to meditate. Even 10 minutes a day can have a positive impact on life. It will also strengthen the mindfulness muscles, so people will find it much easier to stay in the moment throughout the day.

Practice gratitude

Gratitude happens to be the best attitude. Gratitude is when a person discovers how to want what he/she has and not want what he/she doesn't have. Gratitude can be practised at this very moment. A person should think of how blessed he/she is to have a certain thing, say for example good books. Other people may not have the means or opportunities to buy such books. Also, one must be grateful that there is food on the plate while millions of people around the world die of hunger.

Listen actively

While talking to another person one must listen actively without thinking of how to respond to what the other person has to say. In a conversation, it is important to try to listen actively while putting the whole attention on the other person. Listen with the ears, heart and intuition. This can help change the quality of your conversations.

Designate time for specific things

One should keep certain times of the day designated for specific activities. A time for work, a time for bathing, a time for cleaning, a time for eating. This ensures that those things get done regularly without any hindrance. One can designate time for his/her own activities, whether that is work or cleaning or exercise or quiet contemplation.

Mindfulness is a practice that people should practice at each and every moment of their life. Practice these tips to not only stay mindful but feel happier and stay positive in life.

—IANSlife

WE ARE BACK WITH NEW BREATH TAKING ACTS
GRAND GALA OPENING TOMORROW
RAMBO
CIRCUS
DAILY 3 SHOWS
1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm
WE ACCEPT ALL DEBIT / CREDIT CARDS
THRILLING TABLE SKATING
NEAR KENGERI BUS TERMINAL METRO STATION,
MYSORE ROAD, BENGALURU

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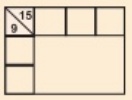
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$3^{2^{\wedge}0!} + 3^{2^{\wedge}0} \times 3^{0!} = ?$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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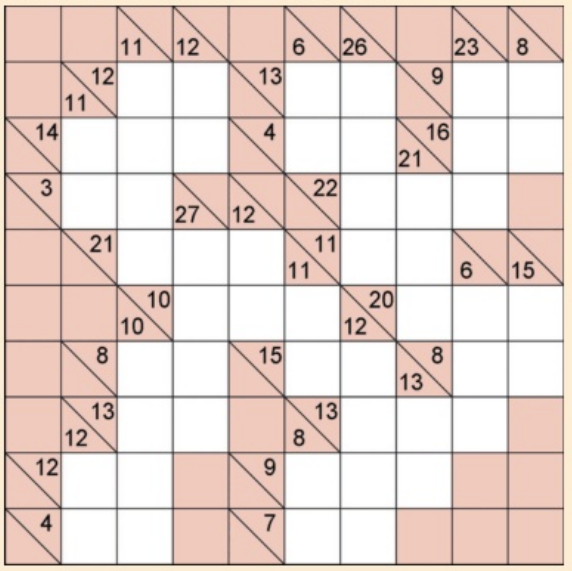

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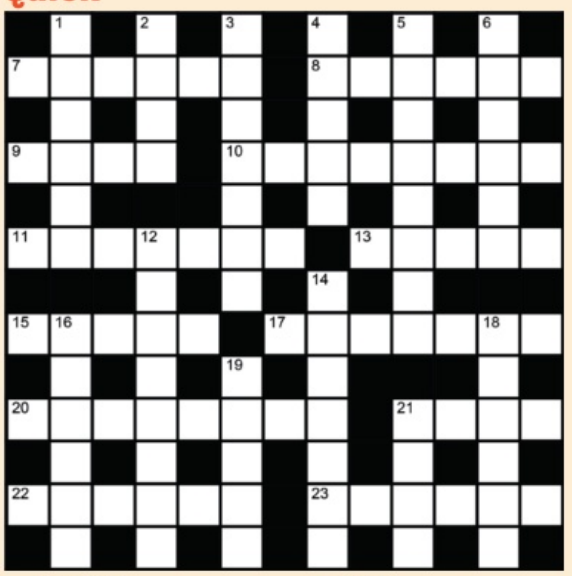


ACROSS

7 Sounding like a bovine (6)
8 Embodiment or incarnation (6)
9 Let it stand, for the printer? (4)
10 Bad temper displays (8)
11 Poison (7)
13 Vacuous (5)
15 Secret agents? (5)
17 Verbatim (7)
20 Persuade (8)
21 Marsh hen or duck (4)
22 Merchant of Venice lawyer (6)
23 Start of a play (3,3)

DOWN

1 Bricklayer's cement (6)
2 Slope (4)
3 Exercise in vanity (3,4)
4 Hurts (5)
5 Hollywood actress Jennifer ____ (8)
6 A large game fish (6)
12 Deprive of energy, weaken (8)
14 Market near Brigade Road (7)
16 Elementary particle (6)
18 Approximately (6)
19 Acquired relative (2-3)
21 Urban area (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS G

RZWNW'Q ALRZUAI MLJ SEA'R GNLXW UV MLJN LJRFLLY UQ LAFM QJVVUSUWARFM FUBURWK.

Linemaro

My feet are getting cold... because you've knocked my socks off.

Mindchow

Talk slow but think quick

Joke of the day

Q: Where did you get those big eyes?
A: They came with the face

Loop

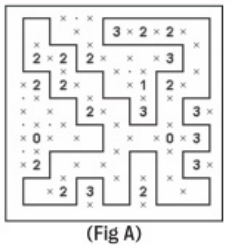
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

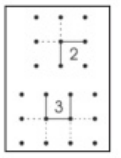
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

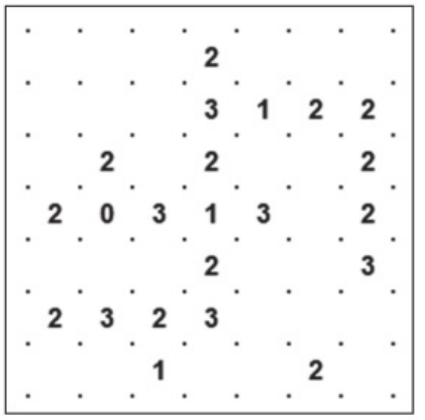
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



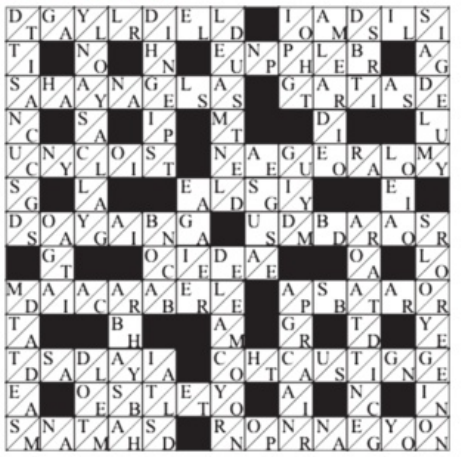
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5 H
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 S Hals; 6 He tit;
7 Ham go; 8 Nu Awe;
9 Sperm

DOWN

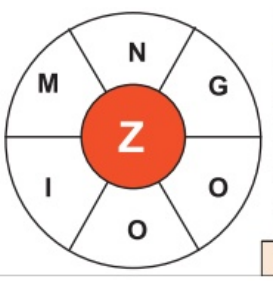
1 Spout; 2 Gel in;
3 Arhat; 4 Whams;
5 Ems he

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

1000, 865, ?, 595, 460, 325

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	2						1	
4		3				7		6
		9	3		7	4		
3		1				6		9
		5	4		3	8		
9		8				5		2
		7	9		1	2		
8		4				3		5
	9						6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

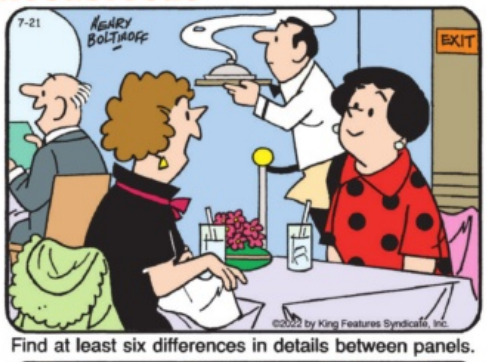
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6
1 2 2 5

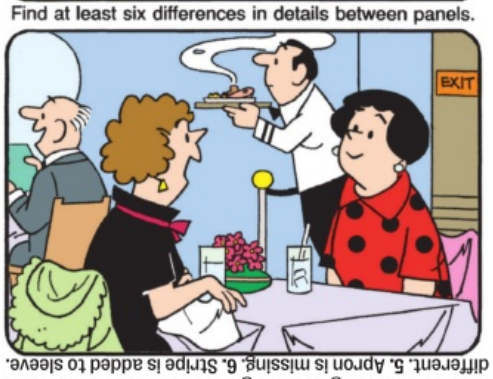
Medium = 15
3 4 5 8

Hard = 12
2 4 8 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



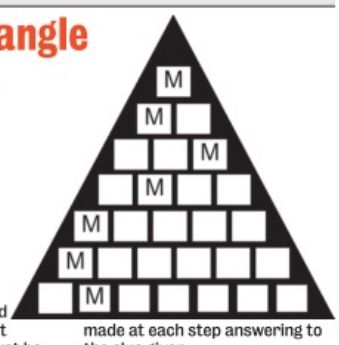
Differences: 1. Cover is missing from waiter's tray. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Exit sign is lower. 4. Back of chair is different. 5. Apron is missing. 6. Stripe is added to sleeve.

Riddler

Kaya had invited twice as many male school friends as relatives, three times as many nonschool mates as relatives and four times as many female schoolmates as male school pals to her 16th birthday party. How many of her 84 guests were male school friends?

Alpha triangle

1 One thousand
2 Lambda follower
3 Grand total
4 Aussie birds
5 Thought about
6 Tousled
7 Dirty marks



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

GROWL
STOP IT, POKEY! I KNOW IT'S YOU MAKING THOSE SILLY SOUNDS!
LOOK AT THE FROG I CAUGHT!
THAT'S STRANGE... SHE'S NEVER BEEN AFRAID OF FROGS BEFORE...

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I'M GIVING YOU FIFTH GRADERS A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME MONEY AND BE YOUR OWN BOSS!
YOU BUY MUFFINS FROM ME, AND YOU CAN SELL THEM. I SOLD ALL OF MINE IN ONE LUNCH PERIOD!
...
SIGN US UP!

Crankshaft

OW!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DAD?
I KEEP GETTING THIS ODD PAIN IN MY THUMB WHEN I GRAB SOMETHING.
I HOPE I'M NOT GETTING CARPAL THUMBLE SYNDROME.
7-15
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may find negative vibrations around you, which can make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid investments in worthless assets. Your friends are not likely to be supportive today. Do not expect more from them in terms of help, otherwise it can make you more upset. You are advised to follow your intuition before taking important decisions today.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-together, which may boost your network. You are likely to go for short business related-travels, which may bring you benefits in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day, and your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from past investments. you may have control over your expenditure on worthless items, which may boost your savings. Lovebirds are advised to be polite in conversation with the partner, otherwise there may be some conflict between them.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives.
You may plan to start some new ventures with the help of your siblings and network. You are likely to get an order which will boost your family business. Your network may help you complete your tasks successfully. There may be some smart gains after minimal effort.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel negative due to sleeplessness last night. You may feel dull, which may reflect into your way of working. It is advised to postpone making any investments. You may be a victim of conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on opponents and rivals. Lovebirds are advised to keep patience to avoid unnecessary arguments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a big order with the help of your overseas contacts. You may face some moments where you feel anxious, but you may be able to tide over those feelings. Students are likely to study their subject in depth. Investors are advised to make long term investments in terms of fruitful gains.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy at work. You may face some difficulties with the completion of a task. It can make you upset, but help from elders will let you come out from this messy situation. Due to your workload, you could feel mental tired. You may not be able to give time to your family, but your siblings are likely to support you.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today things are under control. Yesterday's crunch may be over now.
You may feel calm and cool. Your focus towards your goals may be good. You may enjoy your work. Your disputes in partnerships may be settled now. Litigation in property-related matters will be resolved. You may also share some romantic moments with your loved one.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts.
You may be Impatient and your arrogance may push you back from taking difficult decisions. Your life seems to stop somewhere, in your head. You may be in need of help from your elders to tackle messy situations. You should avoid making investments in dead assets. Lovebirds should avoid discussion on worthless topics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You are likely to hear some good news in terms of work and business. You are likely to enjoy your domestic life with full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics. Over-excitement can test your patience. You can take important decisions in investments in assets. Students are advised to be focused in their studies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a good day for your work. You may perform well at given tasks.
Your boss may give you some added responsibility in terms of promotions. Your rivals and opponents are now under control. You may lend money. You are likely to plan some investments for your children's future.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel very dull. It can make you lazy and careless. You are likely to not be focused at work. Impatience can pull you down negatively. Children's health can make you upset. You should avoid investments in assets. Lovebirds should avoid arguments regarding family matters.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
=3²+3+3
=9+9 = 18

BULL'S EYE
gizmo, oozing, zoom, ZOOMING

FAST FIVE

S	L	A	S	H
T	I	T	H	E
O	G	H	A	M
U	N	A	W	E
P	E	R	M	S

QUOTE UNCODE
There's nothing you can't prove if your outlook is only sufficiently limited.

RIDDLER
12 male school friends

STRIKE OUT

D	A	L	L	I	E	D	O	A	S	I	S			
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
730: deduct 135 each time.

SUDOKU

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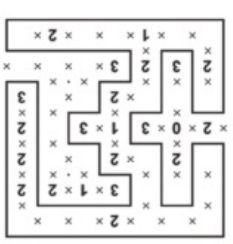
8	1	4	6	7	2	3	9	5
6	3	7	9	5	1	2	8	4
9	4	8	7	1	6	5	3	2
2	6	5	4	9	3	8	7	1
3	7	1	2	8	5	6	4	9
1	5	9	3	6	7	4	2	8
4	8	3	1	2	9	7	5	6
7	2	6	5	4	8	9	1	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Mu, Sum, Emus, Mused, Mussed, Smudges.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 2 + 1 + 2 = 6
Medium
5 x 4 + 3 – 8 = 15
Hard
8 – 2 + 2 + 4 = 12

LOOP



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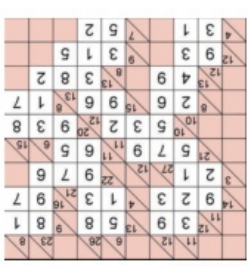

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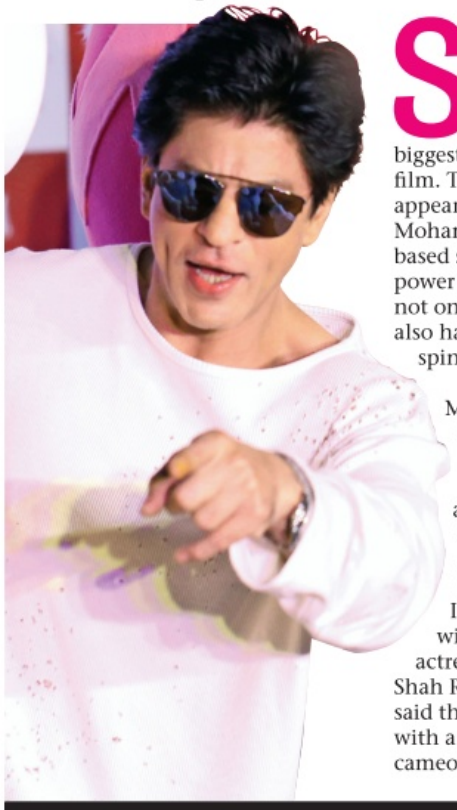
Credit where it's due

Alia is all praise for SRK's cameo in Brahmastra



Shah Rukh Khan's cameo in Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt's 'Brahmastra', was one of the biggest highlights of the film. The actor's special appearance as the character Mohan Bhargav, a Delhi-based scientist with the power of the Vanarastra, not only won hearts but also had fans demanding a spin-off film.

While director Ayan Mukerji has gone on record to thank Khan for his 'generosity' and promised a future project for the superstar, Alia, recently joined in to give him due credit. In a conversation with Pinkvilla, the actress opened up about Shah Rukh's cameo and said that the film 'began with a bang' because of his cameo.

She also said that Nagarjuna and Amitabh Bachchan coming together to work towards one vision was a 'passionate and exciting feeling'.

In a previous interview, Ayan revealed that long before the fans began demanding an origins story of Shah Rukh Khan's powerful character, the idea also crossed their minds. "As we discovered the personality of the scientist, we said, 'Yaar, we have to do stuff. We have to do the origins story of the scientist," he said.

The director is currently working on the highly anticipated sequel of 'Brahmastra'.

SRK, on the other hand, is filming his next 'Jawan' with Atlee. He is also awaiting the release of 'Pathaan' and 'Tiger 3' which will see him in an extended cameo.

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Raju Srivastava: December 25, 1963-September 21, 2022

An inspiring life

From Rs 50 per show to 'King of Comedy': Srivastava's journey

The Indian comedy galactic cluster lost its brightest star in the form of Raju Shrivastav, who passed away around 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at AIIMS, New Delhi. Srivastava's journey to become one of the most widely recognised Indian comedians was rife with struggles and reinventions as an artiste and as a person.

Raju was born in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, to a government employee and poet, Ramesh Chandra Srivastava, and homemaker, Saraswati Srivastava. Named Satya Prakash Srivastava at birth, Raju harboured the dream of becoming a comic artiste since his childhood and he moved to Mumbai in the 1980s to give a definitive shape to his dream.

He initially struggled to get work because comedy was a new art form for the mainstream back then. To make ends meet, Raju started driving an auto-rickshaw but kept his passion alive by performing in stand-up shows for a measly sum of Rs 50.

A few years later, he landed a small role in the Bollywood movie 'Tezaab' in 1988. He then went on to work in the Salman Khan-starrer 'Maine Pyar Kiya' in yet another little-noticed role.

Srivastava continued doing low-profile gigs, including appearing in Shah Rukh Khan's 'Baazigar' until Doordarshan's 'Tea Time Manoranjan' happened to him in 1994. Later, he bagged a role in 'Shaktimaan', which is arguably India's first sci-fi show with some backward special effects.

He got the nation's attention in 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge', where he was the second runner-up, but he went on to win the title of 'King of Comedy' in the spin-off show, 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge - Champions'.

Battling odds, but on his own terms, was Srivastava's way of life. --IANS

Mood for compliments

Pooja Bhatt, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film, 'Chup: Revenge of The Artist', recently recalled some best compliments she received for her work and performances.

Remembering one such instance, Pooja told a news portal that Vidya Balan had called her after watching 'Bombay Begums' where she played a powerful banker. Vidya told her that she has done a great job in the series. The 'Sherni' actress also told Bhatt that as an actress she knows how difficult it is to do kissing scenes and that Pooja pulled it off quite well. Vidya also added that she didn't cringe when she watched the scene, Pooja told News18.

Pooja also remembered the golden words by the late legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar for her. The singer was asked during an interview that from the current lot, whose work she resonates with the most. She said she liked Pooja Bhatt because her eyes have got a lot of pain in them.

—ETimes

Hardy, jiu-jitsu champ

Grappling with an opponent in a martial arts contest, Tom Hardy looks like he is in a scene from an all-action movie?

But the Hollywood hardman was in a real fight, and he won a gold medal after flooring all those who took him on at a school hall.

Hardy secretly arranged to take part in the Brazilian jiu-jitsu competition last Saturday.

And the 45-year-old, who holds a blue belt in the ground-fighting combat sport, set hearts racing among the women present. Event sponsor Sean Rosborough said: "A lot of people were asking for photos and coming up to him, and he had no problem with that. "The mums were all over him. And when he was fighting, he was focused on what he was doing. He's amazing at jiu-jitsu."

Hardy is said to have got into the sport for the 2011 film Warrior where he played a former boxer who trains as an MMA fighter.

He took on Andy Leatherland in the final of Saturday's contest at Oakgrove School, in Milton Keynes, Bucks.

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'Will tweak my style'

Real Star Upendra alias Uppi is overjoyed with the success of Kabzaa teaser launched a few days ago. "I was a bit doubtful when director R Chandru came to me to narrate the script of Kabzaa. I even asked him whether he is serious about making the movie. However, I was amazed when I saw the rushes of this movie. His hard work and dedication made me think about my style of making movies," says Upendra.

Upendra said he has forgotten the number of days he attended shooting in the last three years. "Now, I am happy with the output of the movie. Its teaser has become a success not only in Karnataka but also in North India. There are chances this movie will be dubbed into more languages than was initially decided. Don't be surprised if it is dubbed in Chinese and Nepali languages," says Upendra.

All ingredients in it

Shreyas Manju, who has acted in Padde Huli and Vishnu Priya, has high hopes for the success of his latest Raana, which is scheduled for release shortly.

"I worked hard for days for this movie. Most of its shooting was at night. I have no doubt it will be a success at the box office. It has all ingredients to keep the audiences engaged," says Shreyas Manju.

He said the song – Gully Boy – from Raana is released and has been receiving very good response. "Imran Sardaria has choreographed while Chandan Shetty scored music and Anirudh Shastri and Aditi Sagar are the singers," he said, adding that Reeshma Nanaiah plays female lead in the film, while Tarun Sudhir handles the megaphone.

Shreyas is the son of well-known producer K Manju. His maiden movie Padde Huli was released in April 2019. His second movie Vishnu Priya is ready for release. The specialty of Vishnu Priya is that it is based on a real life incident that took place in the 90s. Priya Prakash Varrier, who became famous overnight after her wink in a promo video of her debut Malayalam movie went viral, is starring opposite Shreyas.